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SUBJ: BIJEDIC VISIT

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1. FSFA NORTH AMERICA DIRECTOR STARCEVIC THIS MORNING INFORMED US THAT PM BIJEDIC HAS NOW DECIDED THAT HE MUST CONFINE HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK BECAUSE OF HEAVY OBLIGATIONS HERE MARCH 24 AND 25. HE THUS MUST FOREGO VISITS TO CALIF. AND MICH. WHEN ASKED STARCEVIC DID NOT OR COULD NOT EXPAND UPON REASONS FOR CHANGE, SAYING ONLY THAT BIJEDIC DECIDED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SPEND THREE MORE DAYS IN U.S.

2. BIJEDIC PARTY WILL RETAIN SPECIAL JAT 707 THROUGHOUT U.S. VISIT. ITINERARY WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

MARCH 18 - LEAVE BELGRADE; ARRIVE WILLIAMSBURG, OVERNIGHT

MARCH 19-20 - PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE WORKED OUT BY DEPT

MARCH 21 - MORNING FLIGHT TO NEW YORK. APPOINTMENTS IN NEW YORK FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MARCH 22

MARCH 22 - EVENING DEPARTURE FOR BELGRADE

IN NEW YORK STARCEVID SAID BIJEDIC SHOULD CALL ON UNSYG WALDHEIM
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IF HE IS IN NEW YORK AT TIME. IN ADDITION HE SUGGESTED MEETINGS WITH

YUGOSLAV BUSINESSMEN AND AMERICANS INVOLVED IN US-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC RELATIONS SUCH AS US-YUGOSLAVS ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

3. STARCEVIC ASKED THAT WE NOW MAKE PRECISE PROGRAM FOR BIJEDIC IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK AND INFORM FSFA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. REGARDING DISCUSSION TOPICS FOR BIJEDIC IN WASHINGTON, STARCEVIC SAID TOPICS PROPOSED BY DEPT WERE ACCEPTABLE TO YUGOSLAVS. BILATERAL PROBLEMS, "OF WHICH THERE ARE REALLY NON" HE SAID, SHOULD COME FIRST AND INCLUDE SUCH THINGS AS TRADE, FINANCE AS WELL AS OTHER ASPECTS OF US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. YUGOSLAV DESIRE IS TO EVEN FURTHER IMPROVE OUR BILATERAL TIES. THEY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE US VIEWS OF MAJOR WORLD PROBLEMS AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE YUGOSLAV VIEWS ON THOSE TOPICS. IN THIS CONNECTION STARCEVIC CALLED ATTENTION TO PRESENCE IN YUGOSLAV PARTY OF BOTH FEC MEMBER SMOLE AND DEPFONSEC MOJSOV.

5. WE TOLD STARCEVIC WE EXPECTED WORD SOON REGARDING PROPOSED JOINT PRESS RELEASE ON VISIT (REFTEL B).
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